



United States Department of Agriculture

Spring Wildflower Walks on the Shawnee National Forest

Led by Naturalist Chris Benda (Illinois Botanizer)



2015 Spring Wildflower Walk Schedule

Hike #1 –**April 18 at 10:00am** Little Grand Canyon, Pomona, IL
Meet at parking lot and trailhead on Hickory Ridge Road

Hike #2 –**April 19 at 1:00pm** LaRue Pine Hills, Wolf Lake, IL
Meet at the south end of the Snake Road by the gate

Hike #3 –**April 25 at 10:00am** Degognia Canyon, Rockwood, IL
Meet at Buchanan Cemetery on Hog Hill Road

Hike #4 –**April 26 at 1:00pm** Jackson Hollow, Simpson, IL
Meet at Trigg Tower on Trigg Tower Road

Hike #5 –**May 22nd at 4:00pm** Panther Den Wilderness, Makanda, IL
Meet at the parking lot on Panther Den Lane

Plants are everywhere and we literally depend on them for survival, yet many do not know how to identify them. During the Wildflower Walks, participants will learn how to identify common plants and flowers while visiting beautiful natural areas in the Shawnee National Forest. Participants will be provided handouts about plant identification terminology, field guides and web resources, along with information on invasive species.

All of the hikes will last up to 4 hours. No previous experience is necessary. Reservations are not required but are encouraged. The hikes will be limited to the first 20 participants. To reserve your spot for any of the hikes, contact Chris Benda at botanizer@gmail.com. For more information, please contact 1-800-MY-WOODS.



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